

REMARKS

1. The Pending Claims

Presently pending in this application are claims 1–2, 4–8, 15–22, and 24–26, of which claims 1, 15, and 21 are independent. Claims 1–2, 4–8, 15–22, and 24–26 are allowed.

2. Explanation of Amendment After Allowance

Applicant submits the present amendment after allowance to alter the priority claim to the provisional application. MPEP 201.11 states that “When the nonprovisional application is entitled to an earlier U.S. effective filing date of one or more provisional applications under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e), a [priority statement] should appear as the first sentence(s) of the description or in an application data sheet.” Applicant submits this amendment to move the existing priority claim in the first paragraph of the specification to the first sentence of the specification.

Given that the present amendment does not substantively change the scope of the application, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment after allowance and before issuance.

3. Conclusion

The Examiner is requested to contact Applicant’s representative below at 312-913-3309 if any questions arise or if he may be of assistance to the Examiner.

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